28th May to 1st June, 2007	Kottayam, Pattanamthita and Ernakulum
10-13 June, 2007	Kottayam, Kollam, Pattanamthita and Thiruvananthapuram
14 to 18 July	Kottayam, Kollam, Pattanamthita and Thiruvananthapuram
16th and 17th July, 2007	Thiruvananthapuram

Financial scarcity of PHCs

101. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Primary Health Centres are suffering due to financial scarcity; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to strengthen PHC instead of going for new schemes parallel to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) NRHM envisages support for PHCs by provision of 3 Staff Nurses, one additional Medical Officer and other staff on contractual basis. Support is also given for procurement of drugs, equipment and for construction of PHC buildings. The PHCs are also strengthened through provision of United Fund @ Rs. 25,000/- per PHC for local health needs and an Annual Maintenance Grant @ Rs. 50,000/- per PHC for improvement and maintenance of physical infrastructure. Grant of Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum is given per PHC to Rogi Kalyan Samities under NRHM. States/UTs have to incorporate the requirement of funds in their annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) under NRHM.

Prevention of epidemics in Andhra Pradesh

102. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh is reeling under epidemic like situation after the recent heavy floods in the region;

(b) if so, whether any steps are being taken to provide safe drinking water to the affected areas;

(c) if so, the details of the measures taken to decontaminate the drinking water sources of the State;

(d) what preventive steps are being taken to check the proliferation of Chikungunya and Dengue cases in the State; and

(e) how much Central grant is earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.